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Title: **POSTAGE INDICIA INCLUDING ENCODED INK CHARACTERISTIC DATA**

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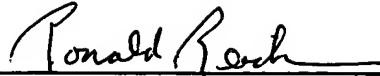
Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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This communication is submitted prior to the receipt of an Office Action. Entry of the following preliminary amendment and consideration of the enclosed remarks are respectfully requested:

- **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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